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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Docket Number
01662/50308

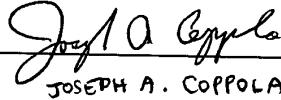
Application Number 09/997,126	Filing Date November 29, 2001	Examiner Sonya N. Wright	Art Unit 1626
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Invention Title NOVEL CRYSTAL FORMS OF ATORVASTATIN HEMI-CALCIUM AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION AS WELL AS NOVEL PROCESSES FOR PREPARING OTHER FORMS	Inventor(s) ARONHIME et al.
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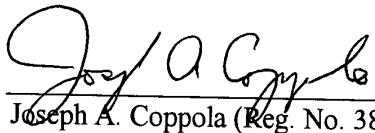
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

- Applicants respectfully request a **three-month extension of time** in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, for which a response period expiring on February 4, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on May 4, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$950.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
- The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	minus	146	0	18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	43	0	80.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					270.00	0
				TOTAL	0.00	
				SMALL ENTITY TOTAL		

3. No additional claims fees are due.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
 - A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
 - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
 - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
 - D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
 - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
 - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
5. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

Dated: MAY 4, 2004

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